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TAGS: MILI EG IS US

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI CNOS

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH DOD AND AMB TOON THE TIMING OF  
ISSUANCE OF FORMAL INVITATIONS TO EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI CNOS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION ALREADY MADE IN PRINCIPLE  
TO HAVE SUCH VISITS. WE HAVE CONCLUDED JOINTLY THAT EM-  
BASSIES CAIRO AND TEL AVIV SHOULD NOW ISSUE FORMAL INVITA-  
TIONS TO THE RESPECTIVE ADMIRALS, WITH A VIEW IN THE CASE  
OF TELEM OF HAVING A VISIT TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF AUGUST.  
GIVEN CONCERN THAT THE EGYPTIAN INVITATION BE EXTENDED AT  
THE SAME TIME AS THE ISRAELI ONE, EMBASSIES CAIRO AND TEL  
AVIV SHOULD COORDINATE ISSUANCE OF INVITATIONS WITH VIEW TO  
EXTENDING INVITATIONS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

2. FOR TEL AVIV: OUR MAJOR CONCERN REGARDING THE TELEM  
INVITATION WAS THAT SUCH A VISIT NOT OCCUR WHILE THE SIXTH

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FLEET WAS CONSPICUOUSLY LYING OFF LEBANON. WE REALIZE THAT

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT A SIMILAR FUTURE CONTINGENCY WHICH MIGHT MAKE THE TELEM VISIT UNDESIRABLE. THEREFORE TO PRESERVE OUR FLEXIBILITY, THE TELEM INVITATION SHOULD STATE THAT THE INVITATION IS BEING EXTENDED TO VISIT THE SIXTH FLEET DURING NORMAL OPERATIONS, AND THAT SHOULD

OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF COMSIXTHFLT PRECLUDE THE VISIT AT THE SCHEDULED TIME WE WOULD POSTPONE THE VISIT TO A FUTURE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE.

3. DOD CONCURS. ROBINSON

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